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Amendments to the Specification:

Page 10 please amend the paragraph starting on line 21 as follows:

The SMV are formed from a lipid component and a ODN. The lipid component comprises 20-30 mol %, and more preferably 20-25% of an ionizable amino lipid. The ionizable lipid is selected such that raising the pH surrounding the small multilamellar vesicles to a pH of around 7.5 results in the release are substantially free of external, non-encapsulated oligodeoxynucleotides at physiological pH. The term "physiological pH" refers to pH levels conventionally encountered in serum or blood. In general, this will be in the range of pH 7.2 to 7.5. Ionizable lipids have a pKa such that they are substantially neutral at this pH, i.e., a pKa of about 4 to 7 in the case of an amino lipid. A preferred ionizable amino lipid is DODAP. Other ionizable lipids which could be used include DODMA.

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